sioner (Handicrafts) some appointments to Class I posts have been made in violation of the rules and they are being allowed to continue against the expressed advice of the Union Public Service Commission;

(b) whether any action has been initiated to undo the irregularity done; and

(c) whether any action is proposed to be taken against the officers responsible for such appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): *(a) No, Sir.*

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Carpet Weaving Training Centres in Uttar Pradesh

2322. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the Carpet Weaving Training Centres in Uttar Pradesh which are actually imparting training as on 1st January, 1984, 1st January, 1985 and 31st January, 1986;

(b) what are the details of expenditure on stipends, rent, etc. being incurred by these Centres annually;

(c) whether it is a fact that in some Centres training was stopped for fifteen days after commencement and stipend not paid to the trainees; and

(d) if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) There were 183, 190 & 135 Carpet Weaving Training Centres which were imparting training as on 1st January, 1984, 1st January, 1985 & 31st January, 1986 respectively.

(b) Details of expenditure of stipend & rent are as under:—

(in Rs.)

	YEAR			
	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	3/85 to 12/85
1. Stipends	3296395.44	4108070.72	7161818.65	6015188.85
2. Rent	1120836.36	1301894.36	1343041.72	1313329.30

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Only in one Centre, the training was stopped as the selection of the trainees was not according to the procedure prescribed for selection of trainees. Hence the question of payment of stipend to such trainees does not arise.

Public issue by a company named 'Magna Hardtemp'

2323. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Controller of Capital Issues has sanctioned a second public issue by a company named 'Magna Hardtemp' in spite of the fact that it has not declared any dividend since its first public issue;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to supervise and exercise control over such companies which indulge in malpractices and dupe innocent people's money; and

(c) whether Government propose to streamline the functioning of the Department of Controller of Capital Issues in view of the increase in the number of companies coming out with public issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Proposals from incorporated companies for issue of further capital are examined within the parameters of certain guidelines. M/s. Magna Hardtemp Limited, a public limited company registered in Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh, were accorded consent for the issue of equity linked-debentures aggregating in face value to Rs. 150 lakhs in October, 1985, in accordance with these guidelines. Declaration of dividend by a company in any particular year is not one of the necessary conditions for such approvals.

(c) Functioning of the various offices of the Government including the office of the Controller of Capital Issues is reviewed from time to time in the context of the volume of work handled by them.

Bank Loans to Farmers in Andhra Pradesh

2324. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of loans granted by the nationalised banks in Andhra Pradesh for various agricultural operations during 1985-86;

(b) whether such loans are on the same scale as given in other States and whether the banks are giving loans to all the farmers without any distinction; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any targets have been fixed for giving loans to the farmers in Andhra Pradesh during 1986-87; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Data pertaining to agricultural advances granted by public sector banks in Andhra Pradesh during the year 1985-86 is not available. The Reserve Bank of India has reported that the agricultural advances of public sector banks outstanding on the last friday of December, 1984 in Andhra Pradesh stood at Rs. 992.29 crores. This constituted 13.5 per cent of the total agricultural advances outstanding as on that date in the country and was the highest percentage of agricultural credit outstanding as on that date among the various States and Union Territories. All farmers are entitled to receive agricultural loans for viable productive schemes.

(c) Banks have been advised to ensure that direct agricultural advances reach a level of 16 per cent of their total credit by March, 1987. Separatde state-wise targets have not been fixed for this purpose.

Misdeclaration and wrong certification of Silk products by exporters

2325. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Silk Board has received complaints from foreign Government or Customs authorities about misdeclaration and wrong certification of Indian silk products by exporters and the Silk Board Inspection staff thus resulting in loss of revenue and of foreign exchange;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken against the erring exporters and the Silk Board staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Central Silk Board has received complaint from U.K. Customs that examination of a product declared by an Indian Exporter as 100 per cent mulberry silk and certified so by the Central Silk Board, revealed that the product was,